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NOVEL PROTEIN AND MONOCLONAL  
ANTIBODY SPECIFIC THERETO  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application  
of Serial No. 09/000,041,  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent  
application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

--This application is a Divisional application of Serial number 09/000,041 filed February  
20, 1998, now pending, which is a 371 of PCT/JP96/01956 filed July 12, 1996, also pending.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

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